

### **REMARKS**

Claim 1-40 are pending. Claims 1-12 and 26-40 are canceled. Claims 13-25 remain in the application. Applicants have canceled claims 1-12 and 26-40 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable, as the present claim cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the remaining claims. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications. Claims 13-25 are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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